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#### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Withdrawn): A method for producing a transgenic *C. elegans* that expresses a human seven transmembrane receptor (7TMR) in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) producing a transgene by operably linking a gene expression construct that encodes a human 7TMR to a sensory neuron promotor; and
- (b) introducing said transgene into said *C. elegans*, such that said *C. elegans* expresses said human 7TMR in its sensory neurons that correlate with behavior.
- 5. (Withdrawn): A method for producing a transgenic *C. elegans* that expresses a human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) producing a first transgene by operably linking a gene expression construct that encodes a human 7TMR to a sensory neuron promotor;
- (b) producing a second transgene by comprising an accessory protein operably linked to a promotor; and
- (c) introducing said first and second transgenes into said *C. elegans*, such that said *C. elegans* coexpresses both said accessory protein and said human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior.
- 6. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one ligand of at least one human 7TMR, said method comprising the steps of:

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(a) providing at least one *C. elegans* that expresses at least one human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior;

- (b) contacting said at least one *C. elegans* with at least two different concentrations of at least one test substance; and
- (c) detecting modulation of behavior of said at least one *C. elegans* in response to said at least one test substance.
- 7. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one ligand of at least one human 7TMRs, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing at least one *C. elegans* that expresses at least one human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with water-soluble chemorepulsive behavior;
- (b) placing a medium into a first portion of a receptacle, wherein said receptacle is divided into at least two portions;
- (c) adding at least two different concentrations of at least one chemorepulsant substance to the first portion of said receptacle;
  - (d) adding said at least one C. elegans to the second portion of said receptacle; and
- (e) detecting, after a suitable time period, the behavioral response of said at least one *C. elegans* to said at least one chemorepulsant substance.
- 8. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one ligand of at least one human 7TMR, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing at least one *C. elegans* that expresses at least one human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that mediate water-soluble chemoattractive behavior;
- (b) placing a medium into a first portion of a receptacle, wherein said receptacle is divided into at least two portions;
- (c) adding at least two different concentrations of at least one chemoattractant substance to the first portion of said receptacle;
  - (d) adding said at least one C. elegans to the second portion of said receptacle; and

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(e) detecting, after a suitable time period, the behavioral response of said at least one *C. elegans* to said at least one chemoattractant substance.

- 9. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one ligand of a human 7TMR said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing at least one *C. elegans* that expresses a human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior;
- (b) placing at least two different concentrations of at least one test substance on a substrate surface that contains growth medium;
  - (c) placing a uniform lawn of bacteria on the surface of said growth medium;
  - (d) contacting said at least one C. elegans with said uniform lawn of bacteria; and
- (e) detecting, after a suitable time period, a decrease in the density of said uniform lawn of bacteria.
- 10. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one ligand of at least one human 7TMR, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing at least one *C. elegans* that expresses a human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior;
  - (b) placing a medium in a receptacle;
- (c) placing at least two different concentrations of at least one test substance on said medium;
  - (d) adding said at least one C. elegans to said receptacle; and
- (e) detecting, after a suitable time period, the behavioral response of said at least one *C. elegans* over the surface of said medium.
- 11. (Withdrawn): A method for evaluating the potency of human 7TMR activation by a known ligand, said method comprising the steps of:

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(a) providing at least *C. elegans* that expresses at least one human 7TMR in the sensory neurons that correlate with behavior, wherein said at least one human 7TMR has a known

ligand;

(b) contacting said at least one C. elegans with said ligand and at least one structurally

related compound; and

(c) detecting the behavioral response of said at least one C. elegans to said at least one

structurally related compound; and

(d) comparing the behavioral response of said at least one C. elegans to said ligand to

the behavioral response of said at least one C. elegans to said at least one structurally related

compound.

12. (Currently Amended): A method for identifying at least one test substance that is

an antagonist of a human 7TMR, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing at least one transgenic C. elegans that expresses a human 7TMR in the

sensory neurons that correlate with behavior pan-neuronally, wherein said human 7TMR is

activated by an endogenous ligand, such that said transgenic C. elegans exhibits a known

phenotype;

(b) contacting said at least one transgenic C. elegans with at least one test substance,

wherein said at least one test substance is distributed in a medium;

(c) determining whether said at least one test substance causes a suppression of said

known phenotype in said at least one transgenic C. elegans; and

(d) identifying said at least one test substance that causes a suppression of said known

phenotype in said at least one transgenic C. elegans as an antagonist of said human 7TMR.

13. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying a surrogate ligand present in a strain of

transgenic C. elegans that expresses a human 7TMR pan-neuronally, wherein said strain of

transgenic C. elegans exhibits a known phenotype, such that said human 7TMR is activated

by an endogenous ligand, said method comprising the steps of:

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(a) providing a strain of human 7TMR-expressing transgenic *C. elegans*, wherein said strain of transgenic *C. elegans* exhibits a known phenotype;

- (b) subjecting said strain of transgenic C. elegans to at least one mutagenic screen; and
- (c) determining whether said at least one mutagenic screen results in a suppression of said known phenotype in said strain of transgenic *C. elegans*.
- 14. (Withdrawn): A method for identifying at least one substance that agonize the activity of a human 7TMR, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing at least one transgenic *C. elegans* that expresses a human 7TMR panneuronally, wherein said at least one transgenic *C. elegans* does not exhibit a known phenotype because said human 7TMR is not activated by an endogenous ligand;
- (b) contacting said at least one transgenic *C. elegans* with at least one test substance, wherein said at least one test substance is distributed in a medium;
- (c) determining whether said at least one test substance causes said at least one said transgenic C. elegans to exhibit a known phenotype; and
- (d) identifying said at least one test substance that causes said at least one said transgenic C. elegans to exhibit a known phenotype as an agonist of said human 7TMR.
- 15. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said behavior is volatile chemoattraction, and said sensory neurons are AWA neurons.
- 16. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said behavior is volatile chemorepulsion, and said sensory neurons are AWB neurons.
- 17. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said behavior is water-soluble chemoattraction, and said sensory neurons are chosen from the group of: ASE, ADF, ASG, and ASI neurons.
- 18. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said behavior is water-soluble chemorepulsion, and said sensory neurons are selected from the group consisting of: ASH and ADL neurons.

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19. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 35, wherein said behavior is dauer formation, and said sensory neurons are selected from the group consisting of: ASI, ASG, and ADF neurons.

- 20. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 35, wherein said behavior is chosen from the group of: thermoattraction and thermorepulsion, and said sensory neurons are AFD neurons.
- 21. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the medium is chosen from the group of: buffer, growth medium, and agar.
- 22. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the medium is a growth medium that comprises a biomolecular separation in a matrix.
- 23. (New): The method as claimed in Claim 12, said matrix is chosen from the group of: agarose and polyacrilimide.